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SUBJECT: AMCIT INDUCTED INTO YUGOSLAV MILITARY SERVICE.

REF: BELGRADE 1521

1. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO ASCERTAIN ON AN EXPEDITIOUS BASIS WHETHER AZIMI WAS ADMITTED TO YUGOSLAVIA ON THE BASIS OF A TOURIST OR VISITOR'S VISA ISSUED TO HIM BY A YUGOSLAV CONSUL ABROAD. ON THE BASIS OF REFTEL, ASSUME STRUGA POLICE AUTHORITIES MAY HAVE CUSTODY OF PASSPORT AND HOPEFULLY WOULD GIVE THE INFORMATION TO THE EMBASSY. IF NOT, EMBASSY SHOULD INSIST UPON EXPEDITIOUS RETURN OF PASSPORT THROUGH PROPER CHANNELS.

2. IF VISA PLACED ON US PASSPORT AND AZIMI ADMITTED YUGOSLAVIA AS US CITIZEN, FOLLOWING ACTION MAY BE WARRANTED:

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AS EMBASSY AWARE, THE DEPARTMENT HAS TABLED A PROPOSAL

FOR AN AGREEMENT ON CONSULAR NOTIFICATION AND ACCESS WITH YUGOSLAVIA, AND THIS AGREEMENT WOULD HAVE APPLICABILITY TO DETAINED DUAL NATIONALS. AS OF THIS DATE, YUGOSLAVS HAVE NOT BEEN FORTHCOMING. IN ITS DISCRETION, EMBASSY SHOULD INDICATE TO APPROPRIATE YUGOSLAV OFFICIALS CONCERN OF USG WITH RESPECT TO THIS MATTER AND INDICATE THAT THE VISA,

HAVING BEEN ISSUED TO AZIMI ON HIS U.S. PASSPORT, SHOULD IN OUR VIEW, CONSTITUTE AN IMPLIED RECOGNITION BY THE YUGOSLAV AUTHORITIES THAT HE IS REGARDED AS A U.S. CITIZEN. IN ADDITION, EMBASSY SHOULD INDICATE THAT, SHOULD CASE RESULT IN THE REQUIREMENT OF AZIMI PERFORMING HIS MILITARY SERVICE IN YUGOSLAVIA, THE DEPARTMENT WOULD BE REQUIRED TO INFORM INDIVIDUALS IN AZIMI'S CATEGORY OF THE POTENTIAL REQUIREMENT FOR YUGOSLAV MILITARY SERVICE SHOULD THEY RETURN TO YUGOSLAVIA.

3. ALONG WITH THE ABOVE DEMARCHE, EMBASSY SHOULD INDICATE AGAIN THE DESIRE OF THE USG TO AVOID THIS TYPE OF DIFFICULTY BY CONCLUDING A CONSULAR AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR PROTECTION OF THE INTERESTS OF PERSONS IN AZIMI'S POSITION.

4. PPT DATA REQUESTED IN REFTTEL WILL BE SUBJECT OF SEPARATE CABLE TO EMBASSY. INGERSOLL

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